



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 12 – 26th November 2021

Let us remember that this Sunday is the start of an important period in the Church Calendar – the season of Advent, when we prepare ourselves for the celebration of Jesus' birth. We have lots of exciting and fun things planned for our children over the next few weeks as we lead up to Christmas. Our prayer this advent is that amidst the challenges that we face we too would know the certainty of God's promise fulfilled in Jesus. A message of hope to bring light to the world.



"Come let us walk in the light of the lord." Isaiah 2 v5

Year 6 trip

On Tuesday Year 6 met the author of No More Knives at Mill Hill Library. Christina shared with us her story from her new book which we were all given a signed copy of!

In the afternoon the class visited The Knife Angel which included discussions surrounding knife crime, the impact it has on people and society and the shocking nature of just how many lives have been impacted on the sculpture alone. The children also looked at the emotive nature of the sculpture, and how the design made us feel, how impactful this was, and whether we thought this was the intention of the sculpture.

A single story behind every knife but hopefully its presence will change the future!

Year 6 ended the day with a tour of the Cathedral, during this visit we lit a candle and said a prayer for all the victims and families of those affected by knife crime. It really was a thought provoking day.



Year 5 trip



On Wednesday, Year 5 went to Ceurden Valley Park to study the River Lostock for their Geography topic. Whilst there, the children measured the depth, width and speed of the river. They looked at the features of the river and went river dipping for creatures. They also experienced panning and successfully found some quartz crystals to fill their pockets! Fun and learning was had by all!

Parents' Evening



Thank you to all of the parents and carers who attended parents evening this week. We had over 90% attendance of parents who had made appointments in all classes. The winner of the Amazon voucher is Yara! Well Done!

Uniform shortage- Can you help?

We are extremely short of jumpers and cardigans. If you have any that your child has grown out of and would like to donate them to school we would be very grateful.



PAYMENT NOW DUE - Dick Whittington Pantomime and the Snowball Disco



Payment for our school pantomime trip to Blackburn Empire Theatre to see the Dick Whittington is now due. The cost of this trip is £6.50. The snowball disco payment is also due and is £2 per ticket. This ticket includes a drink, a packet of crisps and a chocolate bar. Please pay via Parent Pay. Thank you!

Admission to Reception Class & Secondary School 2022



The online admission form for admission to Reception Class and Secondary schools in September 2022 is now accessible using the following link:-

<https://blackburn.gov.uk/SynergyWeb/Parents/appssummary.aspx>

If you have a child due to start primary school next September (born between 1st September 2017 and 31st August 2018), please ensure you complete the online admission form. The closing dates are:-

Primary School - Saturday 15th January 2022

Afterschool clubs.

The last week for clubs this term will be the week commencing Monday 6th December 2021.

ALWAYS House Statistics

ALWAYS following the school rights this week:

HODDER	CALDER	BLAKEWATER	RIBBLE
100%	100%	100%	98%

Congratulations!

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week:

	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Ethan and Oliver	Ashleigh
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Jay and Elise	Willow
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Paige M and Bailey	Paige E
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Hollie-May and Rafal	Shayden
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Anna and Brandon	Harley
Year 5 (Miss Riley)	Eleanor and Archie	Hannah
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Kyden and Rebecca	Tegan

Dates for the Diary

Y6 DT week

Parents' meeting- Early reading

Whole School Pantomime Visit

Snowball Disco

Last week of clubs

Y3 DT week

Christmas jumper day

Christmas craft day- all parents

Christmas parties

Christmas carols

School finishes for Christmas break – 2.30pm

Primary school application deadline date

29th November

Wednesday 1st December 2:30pm

Thursday 2nd December

Friday 3rd December

5:00pm-6:00pm- Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

6:15pm-7:30pm- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6

Monday 6th December

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Thursday 16th December

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Friday 17th December

Monday 20th December- tbc

Tuesday 21st December

Saturday 15th January

Kind regards,

Mrs D Greenwood

Headteacher